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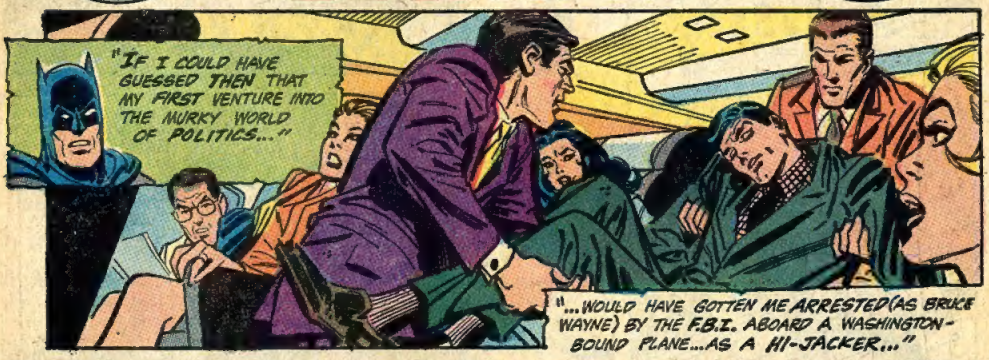
"IF I COULD HAVE GUESSED THEN THAT MY FIRST VENTURE INTO THE MURKY WORLD OF POLITICS..."
"...WOULD HAVE GOTTEN ME ARRESTED (AS BRUCE WAYNE) BY THE F.B.I. ABOARD A WASHINGTON-BOUND PLANE...AS A HI-JACKER..."

"...AND TOPPED THAT WITH THE BIGGEST AERIAL ACT EVER PUT ON OVER WASHINGTON, D.C.-- WITHOUT A 'CHUTE..."
"...I'D NEVER HAVE ENTERED THE ROLL-CALL RAT-RACE WHERE..."

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"IF I'D ONLY KNOWN--THAT FATEFUL DAY I ENTERED THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING--WHAT I KNOW NOW! BUT, ANY FOOL CAN HAVE HINDSIGHT..."
"I'D COME TO LOBBY FOR PUBLIC FUNDS TO AUGMENT MY PRIVATELY-FUNDED V.I.P. (VICTIMS INC. PROGRAM)... ALREADY BEYOND MY MEANS..."
YES, MR. WAYNE--I HAVE YOU DOWN ON MY CALENDAR FOR 4:00! I'LL SEE IF GOVERNOR PUTNAM IS FREE...
OH, I'M SORRY, SIR! DIDN'T REALIZE YOU HAD...
QUITE ALL RIGHT, MISS HOPKINS! MY VISITOR DIDN'T COME IN THE USUAL WAY!
BESIDES, I WANTED MR. WAYNE TO MEET HIM! SHOW HIM IN, PLEASE.
YOU TWO HAVE A COMMON CAUSE, BRUCE--THE BURNING DESIRE TO COMBAT ORGANIZED CRIME!
THIS IS THE "ELDER GADFLY" OF OUR PARTY IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL...
"OLD SILVER MANE"--SENATOR LINCOLN WEBSTER!
THE "MOUSE WHO ROARS LIKE A LION"--AS MY LESS-WORTHY OPPONENTS FONDLY CALL ME!
AND I'LL CONTINUE ROARING TILL THESE WEAK-KNEED NINNIES ACT ON MY BILL!
LINC'S STRONG ANTI-CRIME BILL IS COMING UP FOR A VOTE ON THE SENATE FLOOR TOMORROW MORNING, BRUCE...
...SO HE FLEW IN TO PLOT PARTY-STRATEGY WITH ME! STRICTLY OFF-THE-CUFF, YOU UNDERSTAND?
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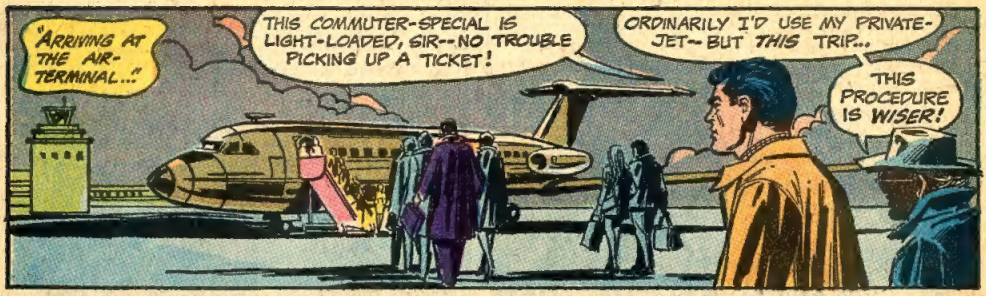
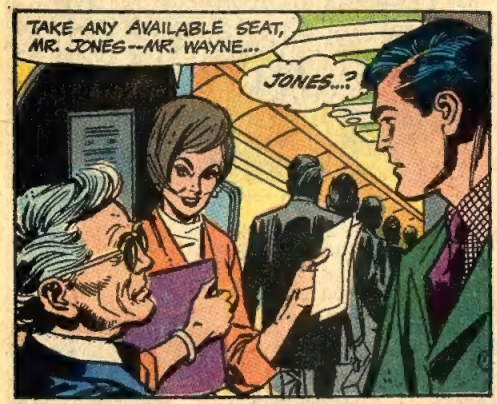
THE GOVERNOR HAS SHOWN ME YOUR PROPOSED LEGISLATION, WAYNE--VERY IMPRESSIVE! BUT...
I'VE READ IT, SENATOR! YES, IT WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARD CURBING CRIME, BUT-- I'M AFRAID..
...MY BILL IS DESIGNED TO PUT YOUR LOBBY OUT-OF-BUSINESS! S-102,320 WILL PREVENT "VICTIMS"! "INCORPORATED"-- OR OTHERWISE!
I LIKE YOU, WAYNE--YOU DON'T PUSSYFOOT WITH ME! YOU'RE RIGHT--I'M AFRAID TOO, WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE VICTIMS!
BUT AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS NOT JUST A LOCAL ISSUE...
I'D LIKE YOU TO COME BACK TO WASHINGTON WITH ME! THERE ARE SOME...AH...INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE, WHO MIGHT APPEND YOUR IDEAS TO A FEDERAL BILL ON "HEALTH AND WELFARE"!
THIS IS MORE THAN I EXPECTED, SIR...
IN MY BUSINESS, WAYNE, YOU DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING--YOU FIGHT FOR IT!
I KNOW, GOVERNOR-- THE BACK-DOOR OUT! AS FAR AS ANYONE KNOWS--I'M STILL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.!
YEAH, BOSS--IT'S HIM ALL RIGHT! JUST SNEAKING OUT THE BACK-DOOR OF THE GUY'S BAILIWICK!
HAS TO BE HIM, ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMANT! PASS THE WORD TO THE BOYS AT THE AIRPORT!
GUESS THIS CLOAK-AND-DAGGER ROUTINE IS NECESSARY IN INTER-PARTY POLITICKING, SENATOR WEBSTER? WOULDN'T WANT THE OPPOSITION TO GET WIND OF...
MORE THAN THAT, WAYNE! THERE ARE POWERFUL FORCES IN THE UNDERWORLD WHO MIGHT STOP AT NOTHING TO PREVENT MY BILL FROM GOING THROUGH!

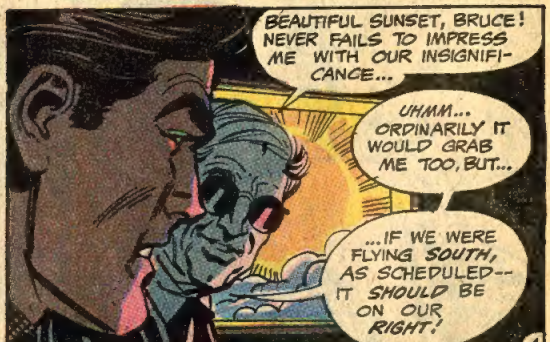

"ARRIVING AT THE AIR-TERMINAL..."
THIS COMMUTER-SPECIAL IS LIGHT-LOADED, SIR--NO TROUBLE PICKING UP A TICKET!
ORDINARILY I'D USE MY PRIVATE-JET--BUT THIS TRIP...
THIS PROCEDURE IS WISER!


TAKE ANY AVAILABLE SEAT, MR. JONES--MR. WAYNE...
JONES...?

INCOGNITO--AND TOURIST-CLASS! YOU'VE GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS, SIR--TO BLEND WITH THE COMMON MAN!
I HOPE NEVER TO RISE ABOVE THEM--THEIR "COMMON" VOTES PUT ME WHERE I AM!

"BUT TWO OF THE 'COMMON MEN' PROCEEDED AHEAD TO THE CONTROL-CABIN WHERE..."
OH, NO! NOT HAVANA--AGAIN!
NOW LOOK, FELLAS--BE REASONABLE! THIS IS A SHORT-RANGE CRAFT...

WE AIN'T GOING THAT FAR! WE'RE BUYING TIME--NOT DISTANCE!
JUST TURN NORTH WHEN WE'RE AIRBORNE!


BEAUTIFUL SUNSET, BRUCE! NEVER FAILS TO IMPRESS ME WITH OUR INSIGNIFICANCE...
UHMM... ORDINARILY IT WOULD GRAB ME TOO, BUT...
...IF WE WERE FLYING SOUTH, AS SCHEDULED--IT SHOULD BE ON OUR RIGHT!

ON OUR--RIGHT? BUT, OF COURSE...
WE'RE OFF COURSE!...I'D BETTER CHECK WITH THE CAPTAIN...
COOL IT, FELLA! THE CREW DON'T NEED HELP FROM NOSEY PASSENGERS!
WHAT...?
I NEVER DID TAKE TO BEING PAWED BY STRANGERS!
YOU SIT THIS ONE OUT, PAL--I DON'T NEED INSTRUCTIONS FROM NOSEY PASSENGERS!
"BUT HIS BUDDIES WERE NOT ONLY NOSEY...THEY WERE HARD-NOSED!"
THE LI'L BOY'S ROOM IS BACK THAT WAY, MISTER!

"I DIDN'T COTTON TO THEIR SENSE OF DIRECTION, EITHER... SO..."
WHEN I GOTTA GO--I GO MY WAY!
KCHOK
"SOMEHOW THEY LOST ANY FURTHER DESIRE TO PUSH THEIR POINT, AND AS I MOVED ON..."
JUST AS I THOUGHT! A HAVANA HI-JACKER--WITH A BAD SENSE OF GEOGRAPHY!
"BUT I HADN'T FIGURED ON HIS BEING... BACK-STOPPED!"
THUNK
UNNNHH!
"AND, AS OLD SILVER MANE TOLD ME LATER..."
TIE HIM UP AND DUMP HIM SOMEWHERE OUT OF SIGHT! DON'T WANT THESE NICE PEACEABLE FOLKS DISTURBED BY A HI-JACKING NUT!
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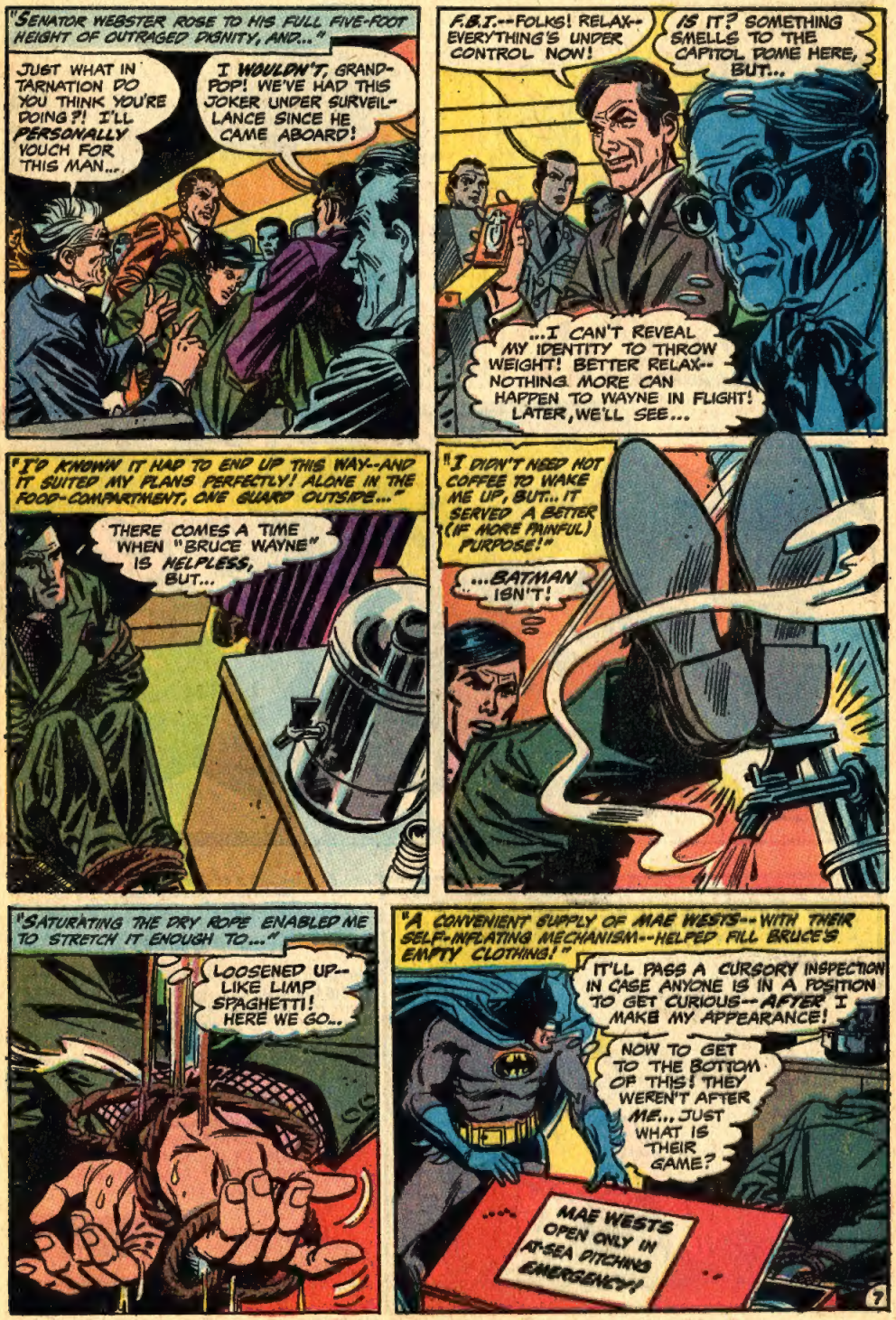
"SENATOR WEBSTER ROSE TO HIS FULL FIVE-FOOT HEIGHT OF OUTRAGED DIGNITY, AND..."
JUST WHAT IN TARNATION DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?! I'LL PERSONALLY VOUCH FOR THIS MAN...
I WOULDN'T, GRAND-POP! WE'VE HAD THIS JOKER UNDER SURVEIL-LANCE SINCE HE CAME ABOARD!
F.B.I.--FOLKS! RELAX--EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL NOW!
IS IT? SOMETHING SMELLS TO THE CAPITOL DOME HERE, BUT...
...I CAN'T REVEAL MY IDENTITY TO THROW WEIGHT! BETTER RELAX--NOTHING MORE CAN HAPPEN TO WAYNE IN FLIGHT! LATER, WE'LL SEE...
"I'D KNOWN IT HAD TO END UP THIS WAY--AND IT SUITED MY PLANS PERFECTLY! ALONE IN THE FOOD-COMPARTMENT, ONE GUARD OUTSIDE..."
THERE COMES A TIME WHEN "BRUCE WAYNE" IS HELPLESS, BUT...
"I DIDN'T NEED HOT COFFEE TO WAKE ME UP, BUT... IT SERVED A BETTER (IF MORE PAINFUL) PURPOSE!"
...BATMAN ISN'T!
"SATURATING THE DRY ROPE ENABLED ME TO STRETCH IT ENOUGH TO..."
LOOSENED UP--LIKE LIMP SPAGHETTI! HERE WE GO...
"A CONVENIENT SUPPLY OF MAE WESTS--WITH THEIR SELF-INFLATING MECHANISM--HELPED FILL BRUCE'S EMPTY CLOTHING!"
IT'LL PASS A CURSORY INSPECTION IN CASE ANYONE IS IN A POSITION TO GET CURIOUS--AFTER I MAKE MY APPEARANCE!
NOW TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS! THEY WEREN'T AFTER ME... JUST WHAT IS THEIR GAME?
MAE WESTS OPEN ONLY IN AT-SEA DITCHING EMERGENCY!
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"I WAS IN NO MOOD TO PLAY FAIR! BESIDES, I HAD TO MOVE FAST!"
KLONK
"THE THUD OF MY FALL-GUY KILLED SOME OF THE SURPRISE, BUT..."
BATMAN?! HOW'D HE GET...
KTHUNK
...HERE? THERE'S NO HIDING PLACE FROM BATMAN-- EVEN ON CLOUD-NINE!
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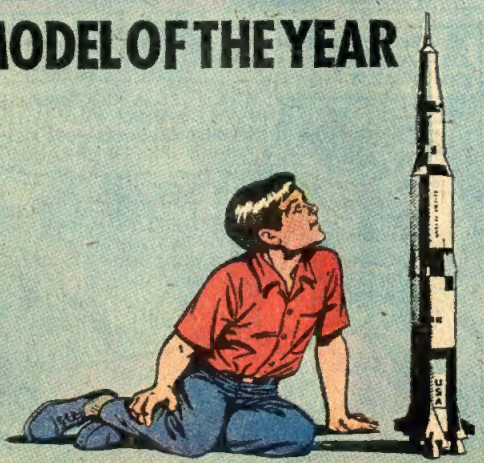

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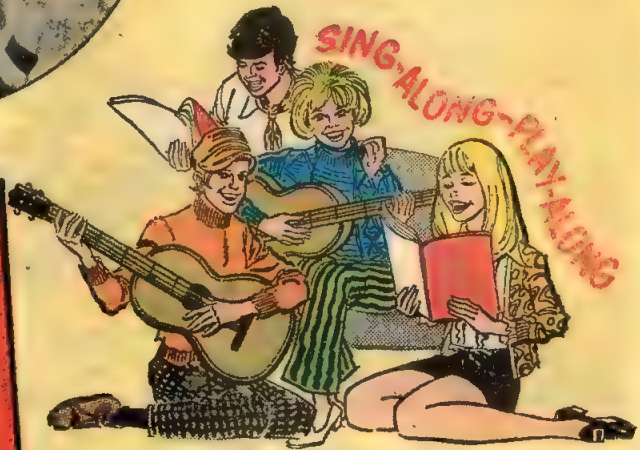

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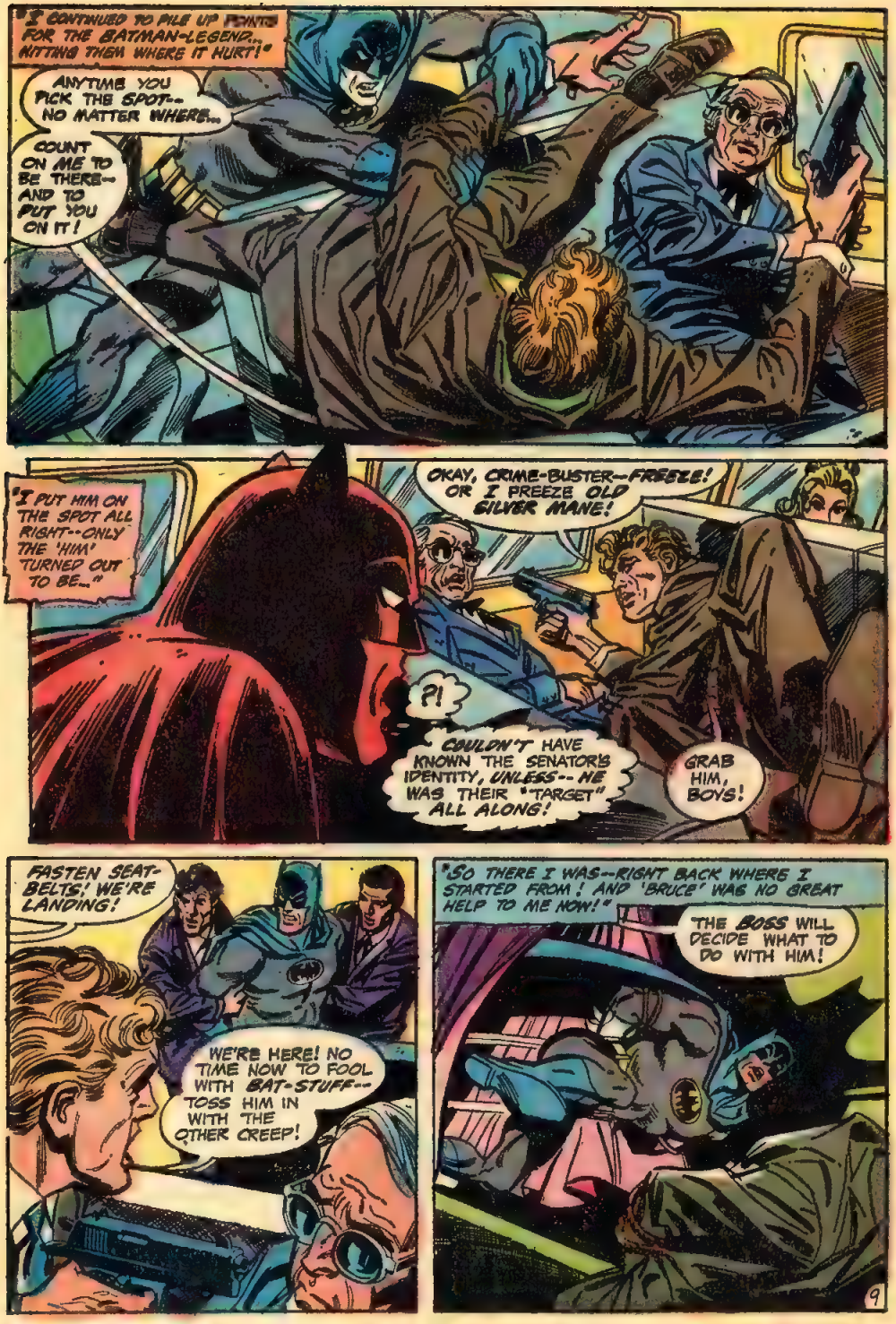
"I CONTINUED TO PILE UP POINTS FOR THE BATMAN-LEGEND... HITTING THEM WHERE IT HURT!"
ANYTIME YOU PICK THE SPOT... NO MATTER WHERE...
COUNT ON ME TO BE THERE-- AND TO PUT YOU ON IT!
"I PUT HIM ON THE SPOT ALL RIGHT--ONLY THE 'HIM' TURNED OUT TO BE..."
OKAY, CRIME-BUSTER--FREEZE! OR I PREEZE OLD SILVER MANE!
?!
COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN THE SENATOR'S IDENTITY, UNLESS--HE WAS THEIR "TARGET" ALL ALONG!
GRAB HIM, BOYS!
FASTEN SEAT-BELTS! WE'RE LANDING!
WE'RE HERE! NO TIME NOW TO FOOL WITH BAT-STUFF-- TOSS HIM IN WITH THE OTHER CREEP!
"SO THERE I WAS--RIGHT BACK WHERE I STARTED FROM! AND 'BRUCE' WAS NO GREAT HELP TO ME NOW!"
THE BOSS WILL DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH HIM!
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"WE CAME IN OVER AN ABANDONED AIR-STRIP, SOMEWHERE DEEP IN THE BACKWOODS..."
"...AND TAXIED INTO A HANGAR! THEY WERE TAKING NO CHANCES ON BEING SPOTTED IF AN AIR-SEARCH WERE LAUNCHED FOR THE SENATOR!"
HERE THEY COME, BOSS! "OLD SILVER LIPS" AIN'T GONNA MAKE WASHINGTON AFTER ALL!
I DEMAND TO KNOW WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS--THIS OUTRAGE!
HUSH YOUR SILVER TONSILS, OLD COOT! LET THE BOSS TELL YOU...
I REGRET THE NEED FOR CONCEALMENT, SENATOR WEBSTER--BUT A MAN IN MY POSITION CAN'T AFFORD THE PUBLIC ACCLAIM YOU ENJOY!
BECAUSE--EVEN THOUGH YOUR ANTI-CRIME BILL WILL FAIL TO PASS TOMORROW...
...I SHALL STILL BE A "MOST-WANTED" MAN!
SO THAT'S IT! WITH THE SENATOR ABSENT AT THE ROLL-CALL VOTE--THE NOD GOES TO THE OPPOSITION BY A SLIM MARGIN DEFAULT!
REST ASSURED, SENATOR--NOT A HAIR OF YOUR SILVER MANE WILL BE HARMED!
IN THE MORNING--AFTER YOUR BRAIN-CHILD IS DEFEATED--YOU'LL BE FLOWN BACK TO WASHINGTON!
WHY, YOU--YOU UNMITIGATED, CORRUPT IMITATION OF A MAN! IF YOU THINK I'LL REST UNTIL...
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EASY, SENATOR--WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO STRAIN YOUR HEART! YOU'RE ON BORROWED TIME RIGHT NOW--AFTER THOSE LAST TWO CORONARIES!
Y-YES--YOU'RE RIGHT! I HAVE TO LIVE--TO SEE YOU AND YOUR FOUL SYNDICATE BEHIND BARS!
BUT EVEN YOU WOULDN'T LET MY FRIENDS--BRUCE WAYNE AND BATMAN-- REMAIN TRUSSED UP ALL NIGHT?
BATMAN--HERE?! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME...?
DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE, BOSS! WE HAD A LITTLE HASSLE --BUT THEY'RE SAFE...
"THEY WEREN'T PREPARED FOR THE SURPRISE I'D PLANNED FOR THEM... WHEN THEY CAME TO CHECK!"
SAFE?! WHO'S THAT?
WAYNE--THE JOKER WHO PLAYED HERO! BUT--
...BATMAN'S GONE! EMERGENCY-EXIT...
YOU IDIOTS! FIND HIM! WITH THAT MENACE ON THE LOOSE...
...THIS WHOLE SCHEME COULD GO UP IN SMOKE!
"IT WAS THE OLDEST RUSE IN THE BOOKS--BUT IT WORKED! LEAVE AN OPEN DOOR...AND THEY ALWAYS FIGURE SOMEONE JUST LEFT!"
OOOH, M-MY HEAD! W-WHO DROPPED THE BOOM...
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! YOU'VE CAUSED ME ENOUGH TROUBLE FOR ONE NIGHT!
...WHO ARE YOU?
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"HE SURE HAD ENOUGH TROUBLE NOW...NOT TO WORRY ABOUT ME! SO I WAS UNTIED AND.."
NOW GET BACK IN YOUR SEAT--AND STAY THERE!
BRUCE! YOU ALL RIGHT..?
I'LL BE A LOT BETTER IF YOU LISTEN CAREFULLY..
"THEN, GIVING THEM ENOUGH TIME TO GET REAL UPTIGHT ABOUT THE MISSING BATMAN, WE WENT INTO OUR ACT!"
HE'S NOWHERE, BOSS! BUT LIKE INTO THIN AIR--KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
URGH-H... M-MY--HEA-RT!
I WARNED HIM AGAINST GETTING WORKED UP! HASN'T HE GOT SOME MEDICINE ON HIM?
'FRAID NOT! HE TRIED TO REFILL HIS "DIGITALIS" PRESCRIPTION AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE WE LEFT--BUT THE DRUGGIST WAS CLOSED!
GOT TO GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL...FAST!
UNLESS YOU WANT TO CAP THIS KIDNAPING CAPER--WITH A MURDER!
UH-UH--YOU EXPECT ME TO FLY HIM FOR HELP SO HE CAN RECOVER IN TIME TO VOTE THAT ANTI-CRIME BILL INTO BEING?
YOU GOT TO BE NUTS!
YOU'RE THE NUT! THE LAST THING YOU NEED ON YOUR HANDS NOW--IS A DEAD SENATOR!
WHEN THE NEWS HITS THE HILL*--EVERY "FENCE SITTER" IN THE HOUSE WILL SWING OVER TO HIS BILL! HIS DEATH WILL GUARANTEE PASSAGE!
* WASHINGTON LINGO FOR "CONGRESS"...
BOSS, THERE'S A BUSH-PILOT MEDIC 'BOUT TEN MILES FROM HERE--WE COULD RADIO HIM...?
YOU HAVEN'T THE TIME--YOU CAN FLY HIM THERE FASTER!
YOU HEARD THE MAN! GET THIS HEAP INTO THE AIR!
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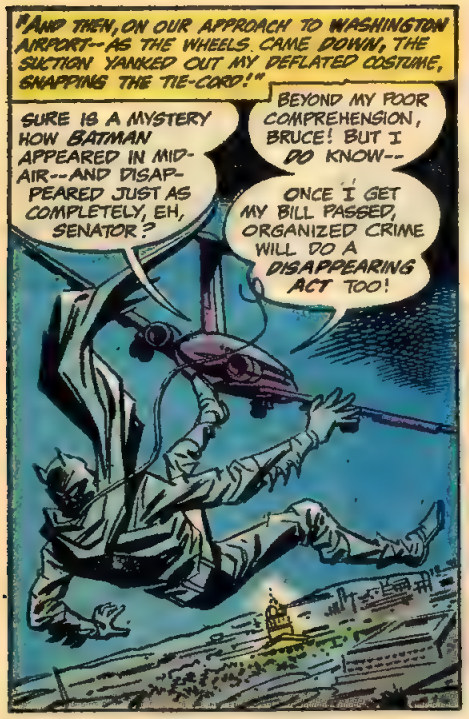
"AND AS WE TOOK WING AGAIN..."
OKAY, BIRDMAN-- JUST FLY AND KEEP YOUR EYES FRONT!
"...IN THE PILOT'S CLOSED COMPARTMENT, THE NOSE WHEEL-HOUSING ACCESS-DOOR SPRANG OPEN, AND...!"
BATMAN?!?
YI-I-I! H-HE COMES FROM-- NOWHERE! EVERYWHERE...!
HISSSSSSH
"MY MYSTERIOUS APPEARANCES FINALLY GOT TO THEM...AND THEY CRACKED!"
H-HE JUST V-VANISHES-- AN' TH-THEN...
H-H-HE POPS UP-- AND...
SEEM TO REMEMBER-- I OWE YOU BOYS SOMETHING!
CHONK
KRAK

KCHOW
NOT THAT I'M VENGEFUL, BUT...
YOU LOOK LIKE A HANDY BOY WITH A GUN, SON--COVER 'EM FOR ME!
I'VE GOT A PRESSING DATE UP FRONT!
"WITH THE DOOR SHUT BEHIND ME--AND THE CREW'S EYES FROZEN AHEAD--I YANKED THE VALVE-RELEASES ON THE 'MAE WESTS' THAT HAD INFLATED MY COSTUME..."
HSSSSS
"...WHEN THE WHEELS CAME UP ON TAKE-OFF, TRIPPING THE INFLATE-CORD I'D TIED TO THE HYDRAULIC-MECHANISM, DURING OUR BRIEF STAY ON THE GROUND!"
I HAD USED THAT EMERGENCY EXIT TO GOOD PURPOSE--RETURNING IN TIME TO BECOME BRUCE WAYNE ONCE AGAIN!
CHANGE COURSE, MEN--THAT HEART ATTACK WAS A FAKE! NEW DESTINATION--THE ORIGINAL ONE--WASHINGTON, D.C.!


"AND THEN, ON OUR APPROACH TO WASHINGTON AIRPORT--AS THE WHEELS CAME DOWN, THE SUCTION YANKED OUT MY DEFLATED COSTUME, SNAPPING THE TIE-CORD!"
SURE IS A MYSTERY HOW BATMAN APPEARED IN MID-AIR--AND DISAPPEARED JUST AS COMPLETELY, EH, SENATOR?
BEYOND MY POOR COMPREHENSION, BRUCE! BUT I DO KNOW--
ONCE I GET MY BILL PASSED, ORGANIZED CRIME WILL DO A DISAPPEARING ACT TOO!

...AND SO, ALF--YOU CAN SEE WHAT HAPPENED! AND THE "MASKED MARAUDER"--ONE OF THE BRAINS BEHIND THE MOB--BECAME THE FIRST VICTIM OF "OLD SILVER MANE'S" BRAINCHILD!
FUNNY THING, THOUGH--LAST THING SENATOR WEBSTER SAID TO ME, WAS: "BRUCE... EVER THINK OF RUNNING FOR SENATOR?"
I SAY, SIR--CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER MAN FOR THE JOB!
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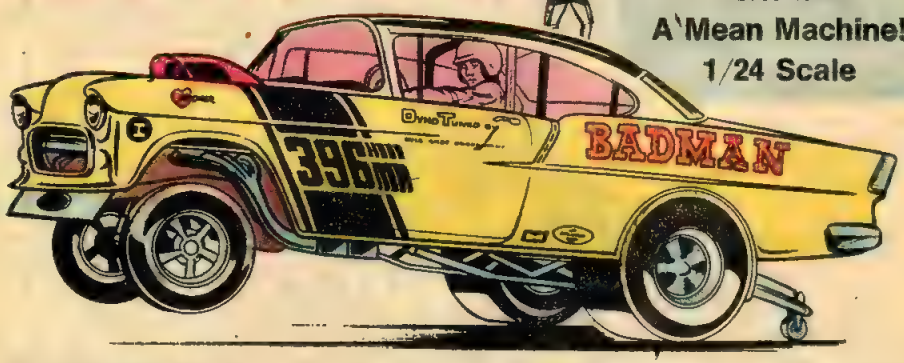

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TONIGHT THERE WILL BE ONE MORE...
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the Silent Night of the BATMAN

WHAT'S THE EMERGENCY TONIGHT, COMMISSIONER?
NO EMERGENCY, BATMAN! QUITE THE OPPOSITE, IN FACT! I CALLED YOU IN BECAUSE CHRISTMAS EVE IS NOT A NIGHT FOR YOU TO BE OUT PATROLLING-- "'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!"
LIKE THE SAYING GOES--YOU KNOW IT AND I KNOW IT... NOW TELL THEM! CRIME AND DISASTER AREN'T INCLINED TO OBSERVE HOLIDAYS!
TONIGHT IS GOING TO BE... DIFFERENT! I KNOW IT!
HE SOUNDS ALMOST INSPIRED.. BUT NOTHING EVER HAPPENS BY JUST SAYING IT!
C'MON, BATMAN-- HOW ABOUT CONTRIBUTING YOUR DEEP VOCAL CHORDS TO SOME CHRISTMAS CAROLS!
WHY NOT? I CAN ENJOY MYSELF UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENS...
Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way! Oh what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh...
OH,

Dashing through the snow.

We three Kings of orient are
Bearing Gifts we traverse afar...

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KEEP GOTHAM CITY CLEAN
you better watch out,
you better not cry,
you better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is
coming to town...
He's making a list
Checking it twice...
To my wife, Patty... From your loving husband, Ted

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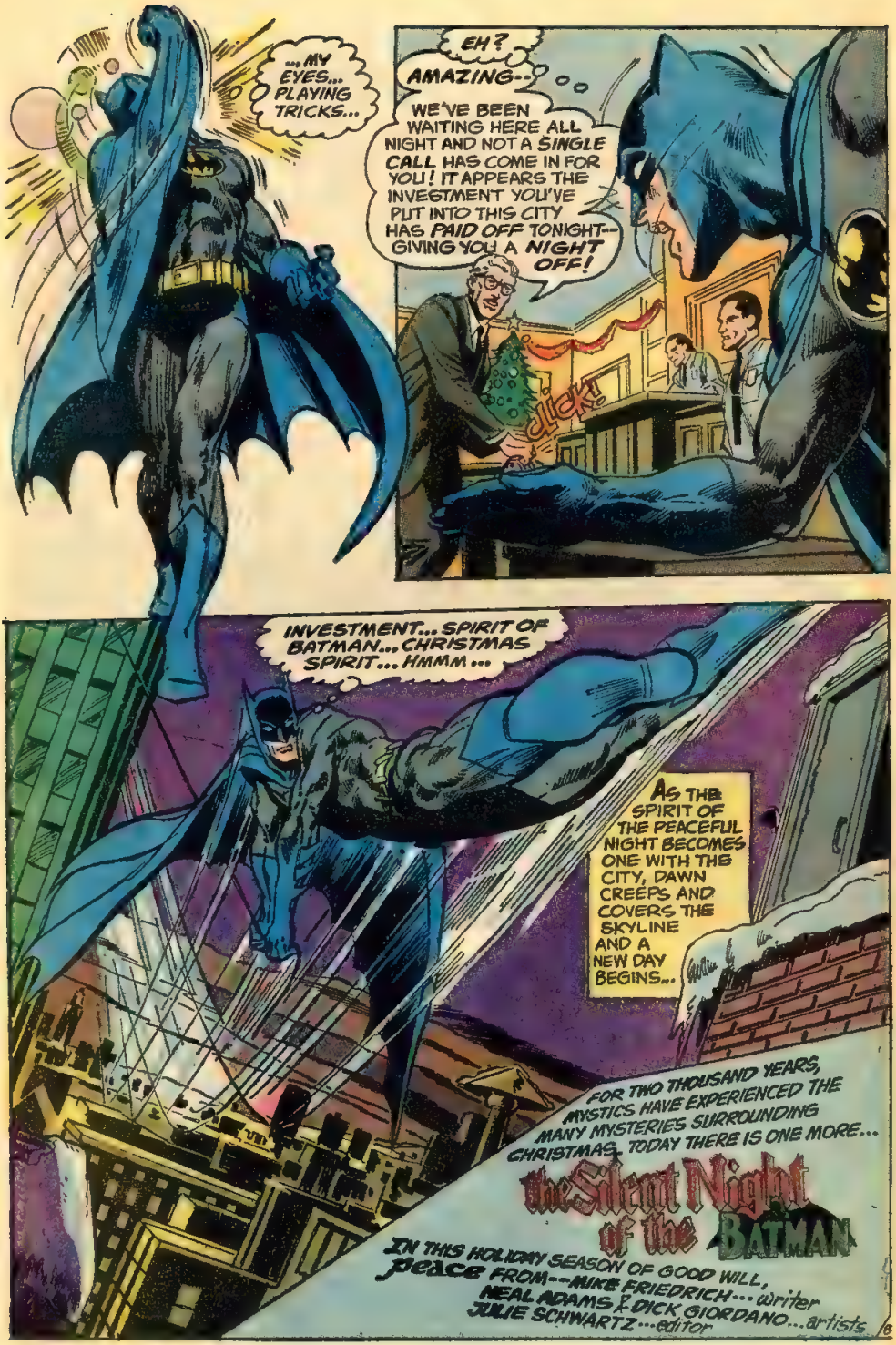
U.S. ARMY

Silent night, holy night... All is calm, all is bright...
GOOD HEAVENS! IT'S SIX O'CLOCK! WE'VE BEEN SINGING HERE ALL NIGHT!
WE HAVEN'T BEEN DISTURBED BY ONE REPORT OF ROBBERY, MURDER, DRUG-PEDDLING...
...ANYTHING!
IT'S LIKE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PEACE TOOK HOLD ON EVERYONE...!
BUT WHAT IS THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, BATMAN--MIGHT IT NOT BE... YOU... OR I?
WHA...?


...MY EYES... PLAYING TRICKS...
EH? AMAZING--
WE'VE BEEN WAITING HERE ALL NIGHT AND NOT A SINGLE CALL HAS COME IN FOR YOU! IT APPEARS THE INVESTMENT YOU'VE PUT INTO THIS CITY HAS PAID OFF TONIGHT--GIVING YOU A NIGHT OFF!
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INVESTMENT... SPIRIT OF BATMAN... CHRISTMAS SPIRIT... HMMM...
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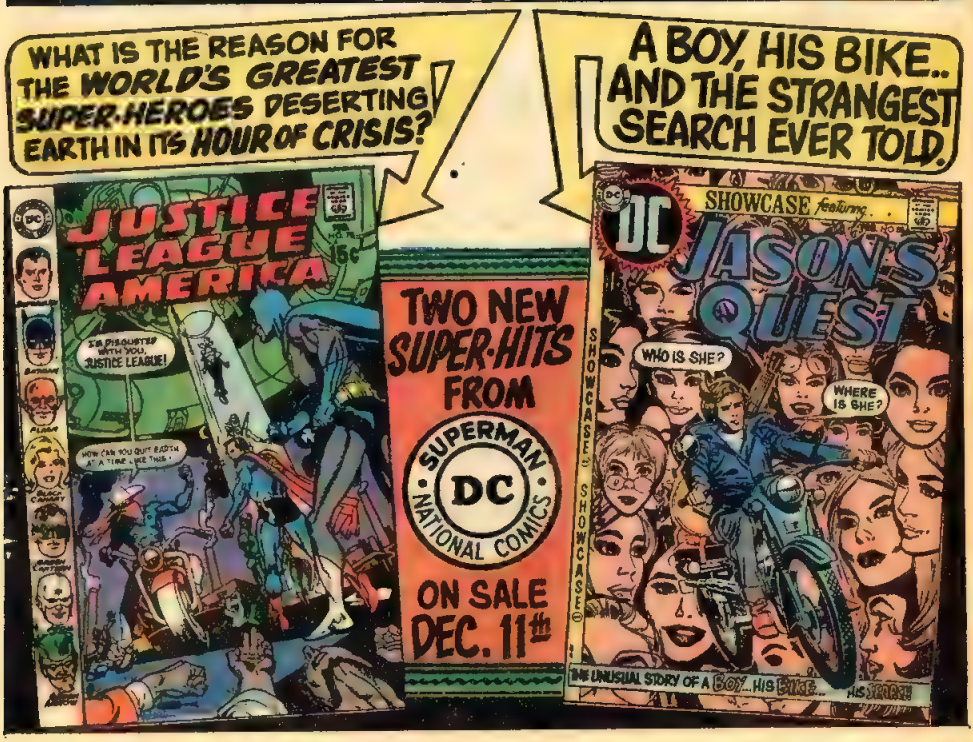
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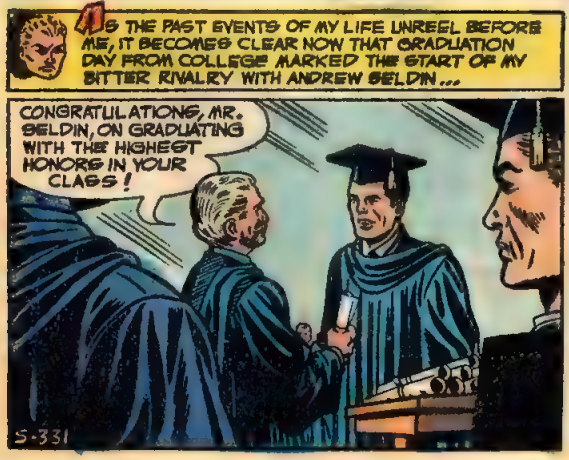
AS THE PAST EVENTS OF MY LIFE UNREEL BEFORE ME, IT BECOMES CLEAR NOW THAT GRADUATION DAY FROM COLLEGE MARKED THE START OF MY BITTER RIVALRY WITH ANDREW SELDIN...
CONGRATULATIONS, MR. SELDIN, ON GRADUATING WITH THE HIGHEST HONORS IN YOUR CLASS!
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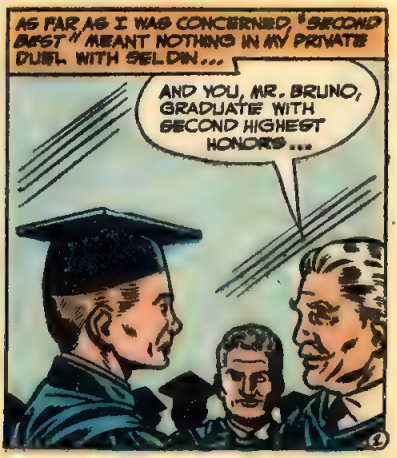
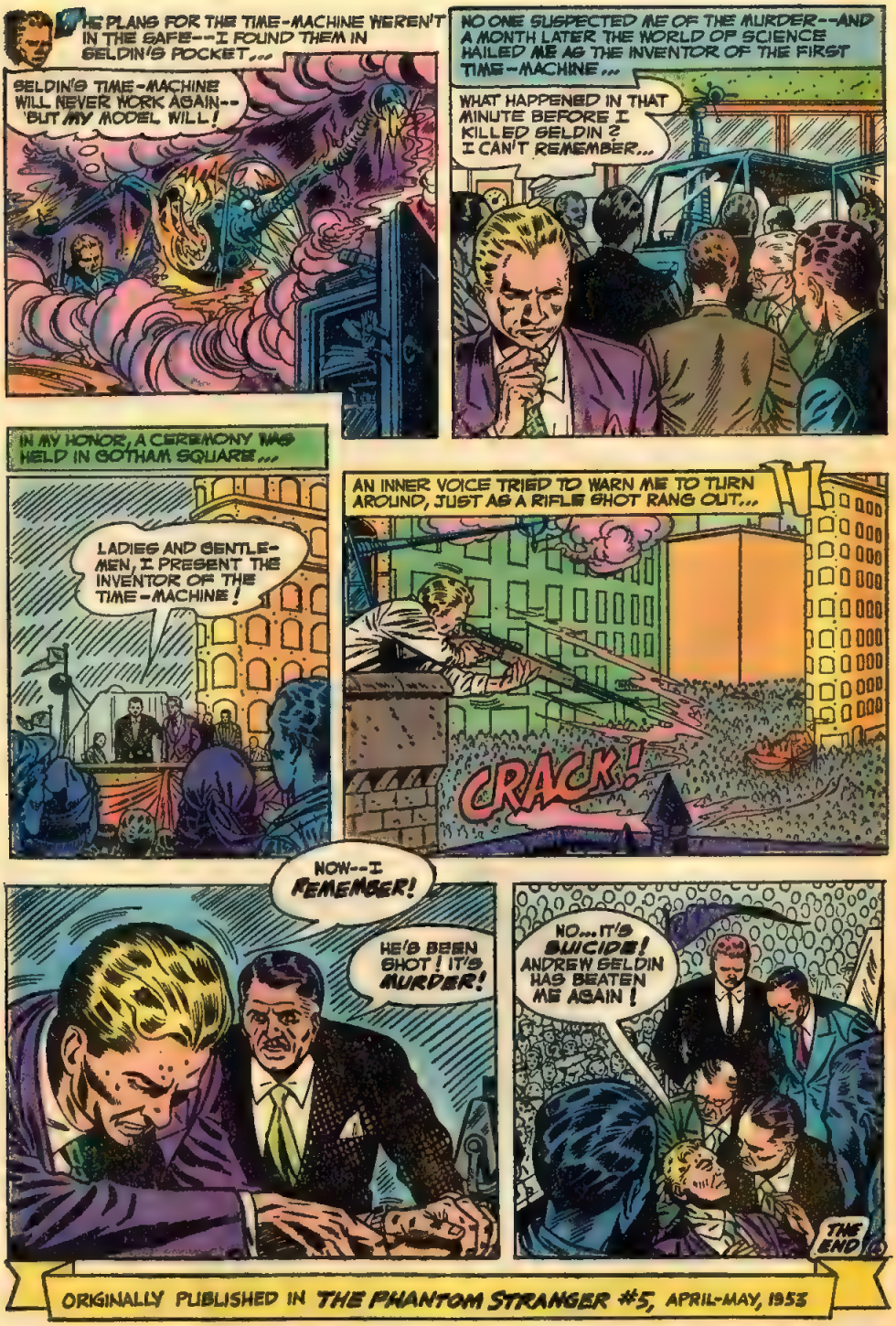

AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED "SECOND BEST" MEANT NOTHING IN MY PRIVATE DUEL WITH SELDIN...
AND YOU, MR. BRUNO, GRADUATE WITH SECOND HIGHEST HONORS...

WE WERE BOTH SCIENTISTS, BUT EACH TIME I FAILED, SELDIN SUCCEEDED! HE BUILT THE WORLD'S FASTEST MONORAIL--PLANNED THE FIRST SPACE-STATION--PERFECTED WIRELESS TRANSMISSION OF ENERGY...
BUT I WAS WILLING TO IGNORE ALL OF SELDIN'S TRIUMPHS, IF I COULD ONLY BEST HIM IN ONE INVENTION...
THIS MACHINE FOR TRAVELING THROUGH TIME! I KNOW I'M CLOSE TO MAKING IT WORK!
BUT EVEN THIS VICTORY WAS SNATCHED OUT OF MY GRASP, WHEN...
...THE ELECTRIFYING NEWS THAT PROFESSOR SELDIN HAS INVENTED A TIME-MACHINE! IT WILL BE DEMONSTRATED IN GOTHAM SQUARE ONE MONTH FROM TODAY!
NO--NO!
THAT NIGHT I RESOLVED TO STEAL SELDIN'S PLANS FOR HIS TIME-MACHINE AND USE THEM MYSELF...
I CAN'T OPEN HIS SAFE! BUT I'VE THOUGHT OF A BETTER WAY TO ROB HIM OF HIS TRIUMPH!
I GLOATED AT THE SHEER SIMPLICITY OF MY PLAN! I'D TRAVEL INTO THE FUTURE TO THE MOMENT OF SELDIN'S GREATEST SUCCESS--AND KILL HIM THEN!
ONE MONTH FROM TODAY--GOTHAM SQUARE!

I DON'T KNOW HOW "LONG" IT TOOK ME TO TRAVEL THIRTY DAYS INTO THE FUTURE! IT REALLY DIDN'T MATTER...
ANDREW GELDIN'S MOMENT OF GLORY IS ABOUT TO TURN INTO HIS MOMENT OF DEATH!
ZZZMM
McCLANS
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I PRESENT THE INVENTOR OF THE TIME-MACHINE!
McCLANS
I COULD RESTRAIN MYSELF NO LONGER...
CRACK!
MY MISSION INTO THE FUTURE COMPLETED, I RETURNED THROUGH TIME TO THE PRESENT...
I WISH I'D BEEN NEAR ENOUGH TO SEE HIS FACE WHEN--WHEN--
WHAT?
THE SHOCKING REALIZATION OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING HIT ME WITH THE FORCE OF AN ATOM BOMB EXPLOSION!
MY MEMORY--IT'S FADING...I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED IN THE FUTURE!
THEN I HEARD GELDIN'S VOICE--- AND, IN A PANIC, I FIRED!
WHO'S THERE? NO--NO--- DON'T SHOOT--
BANG!


THE PLANS FOR THE TIME-MACHINE WEREN'T IN THE SAFE--I FOUND THEM IN SELDIN'S POCKET...
SELDIN'S TIME-MACHINE WILL NEVER WORK AGAIN--BUT MY MODEL WILL!
NO ONE SUSPECTED ME OF THE MURDER--AND A MONTH LATER THE WORLD OF SCIENCE HAILED ME AS THE INVENTOR OF THE FIRST TIME-MACHINE...
WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT MINUTE BEFORE I KILLED SELDIN? I CAN'T REMEMBER...
IN MY HONOR, A CEREMONY WAS HELD IN GOTHAM SQUARE...
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I PRESENT THE INVENTOR OF THE TIME-MACHINE!
AN INNER VOICE TRIED TO WARN ME TO TURN AROUND, JUST AS A RIFLE SHOT RANG OUT...
CRACK!
NOW--I REMEMBER!
HE'S BEEN SHOT! IT'S MURDER!
NO... IT'S SUICIDE! ANDREW SELDIN HAS BEATEN ME AGAIN!
THE END

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LETTERS TO THE BATCAVE S-327

Dear Editor:

If anyone had told me a year ago that I'd anxiously await every issue of *Batman* that came out, I'd have given him my best sneer and said, "You're out of your mind!" But stranger things have happened, for it seems that I am uncommonly glad when I see each new issue on the stands.

Why in the world do I suddenly enjoy the magazine so much? The only reason I can find is *Frank Robbins.* I now instinctively know that should I read even the first page, I will be beckoned onward and will end up reading the whole issue right there. I rate few magazines so high, so Frank should be quite happy knowing it's his scripts that made me this way.

Batman #215 boasted a Robbins masterpiece, "Call Me Master!" All I really wanted was a good detective story, but why was it so hard for everyone else? *Mystery,* a word I love, resounded from every panel, even after the "Master's" identity was revealed. Robbins deftly held off until the last page before revealing the means by which Mycroft dulled comrades' wills. And throughout the story, well, everything went as smooth as—no pun intended—clockwork. Robbins writes his puzzles so nicely, allowing each piece to reveal itself bit by bit until it is assembled at the end.

Well, now! The sneaky side of you shows itself as I eye-ball this issue's art credits. Yes, I do believe I heard something of Dick Giordano being an artist before an editor. And now he must prove his worth, for in me he will find an art critic second to none. I look him over. And I am impressed. Yes, indeed, Dick is an artist, and a good one. I was aware his inks merged well with Mike Sekowsky's pencils, and it looks like he and Novick have hit it off as well. I will be honest and say he's not as good as Joe Giella. But I will give him 99% rating, and that's worth a gold star or two in anybody's book.

It looks more than ever that the *new Batman* is in reality the *old Batman.* And that's just the way I like it.

—GARY SKINNER, Columbus, Ohio.

(The measly 1% that the above correspondent withheld from Dick G's rating-score as a Novick-inker is enthusiastically handed to him by the next critic.— Editor)

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Dear Editor:

Shades of Dick Giordano (are better than the shades of Joe Giella, that is)! For years upon years on end, I could never figure out why Joe Giella never appealed to me. Come Gil Kane, Bob Kane, Irv Novick or Bob Brown, the inks pressed the "off" button on me. Coupled by the raves of LOC's on the inks, I doubted my sanity and resigned myself to admiring cereal box covers.

But now I know why the Giella inks flopped—he's not as much an inker as he's a penciler. His art on the *Batman* newspaper strip was great (oh, what trite adjectives I can dig up)! Turned inker, Giella took out the natural life of many artists' pencils. They were stagnant, uninteresting, and two-dimensional. Comes along Mr. Giordano and the pencils of Irv Novick are crisp, fresh, and re-vitalized. Technically, Giella never varies the thickness of his brush lines, causing a monotonous "sameness" throughout the magazine. Not so with Mr. Giordano. The speed with which he inks makes the lines...what the heck! Why go on? I'll just bore the world with compliments.

—KLAUS JANSON, Bridgeport, Conn.

(But for the surprising pay-off on the inking-switch, take heed of the upcoming reaction.— Editor)

Dear Editor:

Your change in inking artists didn't make the art seem any different from the past few issues. In fact, I didn't know there had been a change until I finished the story and looked back at the credits on the splash page. (I usually don't do this, but I had skipped it before I started the story.) In spite of this, I still thought "Call Me Master" was pretty good.

—TIM ATWATER, Mill Valley, Cal.

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Dear Editor:

The cover of *Batman* #215 was one that should live forever in comics history. The contrasting dark foreground with the explosive light background, and the taut, anguished *Batman* pushing the plunger to destroy Wayne Manor, made for an excellent cover.

"Call Me Master" was very nicely done. The first five panels gave the story an aura of suspense. The subtle satire on pages 3 to 7 were a nice change of pace, especially after the campy stories we readers had so long endured. The ending, with the villain explaining his motives to the bitter end, so frequently found in Robbins' stories, but usually leaving the reader feeling he has just fallen from a cliff and discovering he can't hit the ground, fitted perfectly with this story. One thing about the yarn bothered me, though. Had *Batman* actually killed the inhabitants of Wayne Manor, he would have had a great deal of difficulty serving the villain, what with a murder charge hanging over his head!

Artwise, the story was a total success. Irv Novick and Dick Giordano were more compatible than the Novick-Giella team ever were. Had the panel layout been different, it would have been almost like having Neal Adams doing the art!

—RAY ELLIS, Tyler, Tex.

(What with Novick-Giordano and Adams-Giordano each represented in this issue, we can look forward to a new round of artistic sparring among our readers. —Editor)

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Dear Editor:

Frank Robbins' "Call Me Master" was average. I must elucidate by adding that what is average for Robbins is magnificent for any other writer. I very much enjoyed his caption which read, "Gotham's outstanding young philanthropist, Bruce Wayne..." Despite a reader's claim that Bruce must be 40 by now, I have always thought of him as being about the age of 28 or 29. And while we're discussing Bruce Wayne's vital statistics, I must take issue with the enigmatic "Pittsburgh Sam", who in his interesting letter quotes *Batman's* height as exactly 6'0". A 1955 story cited his height as 6'1", and I feel that today 6'2" would not be anomalous for a big, strapping fellow like our *Gotham Goliath.*

As for Sam's claim that *Batman's* muscle shouldn't "spring out at you as it does on a Steve Reeves type", I will defend the artists' tradition of giving our hero bulging muscles. After all these years of rigorous training and exercise, coupled with herculean action-use of his physique, *Batman* would not be perfectly symmetrical. Large muscles also add an air of distinctio and keep up the good ol' super-hero image.

—STEVE BEERY, Alma, Mich.

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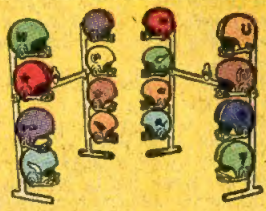

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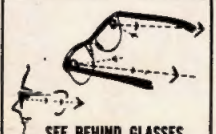

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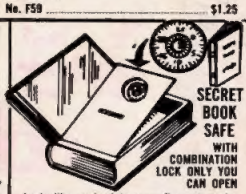

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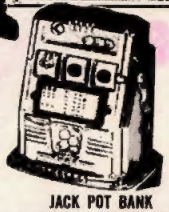

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